



THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE DELAWARE

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LITTLE 'OLE MILLVILLE...

I THINK NOT! BY DEBBIE BOTCHIE

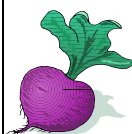
How often do I hear that phase "Little 'Ole Millville" and many times it is said by me. When sitting down to write my Manager's Message, I had to give pause to the fact Millville has a lot going on and I have so many thoughts going through my mind, I have trouble concentrating on the whole picture! This explains why our Town Council, employees, committees, volunteers and the community in general are so busy and engaged in taking care of business and ensuring the continued success of our community.

While the many projects, events and efforts that are all playing a part in Millville's thriving surroundings deserve their own explanation, doing so in this message would be difficult. So I've decided to share tidbits that may peak your interest or simply raise your level of awareness of the happenings in Millville:

- 544 fulltime residents and we have no way of knowing how many non-fulltime property owners are here on the weekends or holidays;
- 98 fulltime commercial businesses. Millville has always been "business friendly" and it is my belief Millville is attractive to prospective businesses due to our lower taxes and fees;
- As of 4/30/12, the Town's developments such as Millville by the Sea has sold and settled 113 homes; Windhurst Manor has 117; Coventry has 12; and The Meadows sold and settled 3. Bishop's Landing (RPC) is in their final throws for Town Council approval on their final site plan for 378 new homes. Dove Landing received an extension on building; however when started should be 433 new homes and H&D Subdivision after their extension should be 57 new town-homes;
- The Millville Great Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. This will be the Town's 4th festival and we remain confident this year will be more successful than the previous 3 years;
- Farmer's Market: A new venture for the Town of Millville! The market will be held each Thursday beginning 6/7 and run thru 9/27, 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. behind the Town Hall. Many hours have been spent in the development of the Farmer's Market and we're extremely optimistic this new

FARMER'S MARKET

BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOAN BENNETT



Starting on Thursday, June 7, 2012 and every Thursday thereafter through September 27th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, come on down to the Millville Farmers Market next to Town Hall where there will be fresh produce, plants and farm to table products that you are sure to enjoy!

Convenient access and free parking, friendly faces and bright red reusable Millville Farmer's Market shopping bags are available, too.

Sincere appreciation goes out to Millville By The Sea, Councilman George Cole, Market Masters Harry & Linda Kent, the Town Hall staff and Town Council, the Delaware Dept of Agriculture and the Millville Volunteer Group, for their support and assistance! Best wishes for success and a great summer to everyone participating in the first Millville Farmer's Market.

endeavor will bring folks to Millville to shop;

- Neighborhood Watch: The Town has been very fortunate to have dedicated individuals from our Millville Volunteer Group who donate their time to drive the Town's Neighborhood Watch car and patrol our community;
- State of Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS): This free program benefits the Town and enhances our ability to enforce ordinances or take permit matters to the next level of justice in a cost saving way. Legal matters must go through the Town's solicitor which in most cases their fee is higher than the issue being handled. Using DELJIS alleviates this process. Code & Building Administrator Eric Evans and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz have both been trained in the DELJIS program.

With so many efforts underway in Millville, know that the commitment and involvement of our residents, property owners and businesses is what will continue to set Millville apart from other localities.

Fiscal Facts

by Betsy Christian

The new fiscal year started May 1, 2012 and runs through April 30, 2013. The current year's budget can be found on the Town web site.

Annual property tax bills were mailed the first week of May and are due July 31, 2012. If your mortgage company is escrowing for your taxes, please forward the bill to them for payment. This will avoid double payments and the need to process refunds. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you had a commercial or residential rental license last fiscal year, the semi-annual report of gross rental receipts for the period October 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 was due June 1st. If you have not done so already, please submit your report and any tax due as soon as possible. The form was mailed in early May along with your license renewal application. If you have misplaced it, forms can be found on the Town web site under General Information, Forms & Applications, Gross Rental...Winter.

Certification Achieved

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) announced on April 24, 2012 that Town Clerk Donna Schwartz, had earned its designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. IIMC grants the CMC designation to only those municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.

"Have a heart that never hardens,
a temper that never tires,
a touch that never hurts."

— Charles Dickens

BUILDING & CODE NOTES by Eric Evans

What a beautiful time it is here in sunny Millville! The birds are singing, crickets chirping and the sun is shining and while the Town is starting to bloom with flowers, trees and the sweet smell of honeysuckle, the grass and weeds grow as well. I would like to remind everyone that the Town does have a grass and vegetation ordinance. **Chapter III of the Town Code** states; "No person, being the owner, or possessor or occupier of land or improved premises, shall permit upon such land or improved premises or any sidewalk abutting such land any unregulated growth of grass, weed or other vegetation to grow in excess of eight inches high." So I ask please do not forget to keep the other vegetation cut as well.

As a friendly reminder to all of you who choose to rent your property, either for the summer or year long, a Rental License issued by the Town of Millville is required for each fiscal year. We have just sent out the renewal applications and Gross Rental Receipt forms to all that currently have licenses. If for some reason you did not receive your application please contact Town Hall and we will be glad to resend you the application. If you are a new landlord and have not completed the application please do so. It is the property owners' responsibility to complete the application even if you have a realtor handling the logistics with the tenants. The cost for a rental license is \$50.00 per fiscal year.

MILLVILLE, 1870 STYLE...

Maps provide more than a means of going from here to there; they also provide a "sense of place." The Millville Historical Preservation Commission turned up a number of old maps, some dating to the late 1800s. One of the more widely-known maps was published by Pomeroy and Beers in 1868. The "Beers Atlas" was compiled under the direction of D.G. Beers and includes hand-colored maps of each of the Delaware Hundreds. (See map)

The adjacent picture shows a close-up of Beers Baltimore Hundred map superimposed upon a map of Millville today. Moving from west (top of map) to east (bottom of map) along what is now Atlantic Avenue, one sees the properties of the Messicks, Evans, and Williams families, etc. as well as a steam sawmill (SS Mill) from which Millville takes its name. Between the Messicks and Evans residences, the "SH" indicates a former school house. (The school would later be located on the current northwestern corner of Atlantic and Clubhouse).

The maps can be correlated with other historic data to tell us more about the people that lived in the area. For example, 1872 tax records show:

- John Messick owned a horse, 3 cows, a calf, 5 sheep, and 6 shoats (piglets).
- Zadock Williams owned one yoke oxen and two yearlings.

The 1870 census provides more information:

- Sixty year old farmer John Messick, lived with wife Mary (aged 53), three daughters and a son (aged 6-17).
- Neighbor Zadock Williams, a 32 year old mariner, lived with wife Sarah (26), and two young children (2, 6).
- James Holt, aged 56, is listed as a merchant, whereas his 22 year old son, Cyrus, is listed as "sawyer, steam mill."
- Living with 55 year old farmer Peter Townsend is 23 year old John, "engineer-steam mill," as well as 3 other family members.

Taken together, the map, census, and tax records provide an interesting snapshot of 1870ish life in the future Millville. Did the farmers, mariners, merchants and sawyers of 1870 envision a Millville-by-the-Sea? No such information has been found by the Commission. However, if you find such information, please forward it to Town Hall. Thank you, *Bob Linett, Historian*

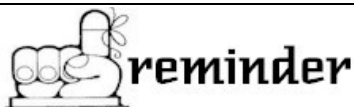
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Millville Reminder:

This is your local government. Take advantage of expressing any concerns or suggestions you may have at any of our open Town Council meetings/ workshops during the monthly meetings (Regular meeting—2nd Tuesday; Workshops—4th Tuesday; all at 7:00 p.m.)

Dover — Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) announces a new eGov site. This is a new interactive, user-friendly, fast, electronic web portal for purchasing of fishing licenses, state park passes, & hunting licenses, & more, and will allow citizens do business with DNREC 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the convenience of their homes and businesses. Just log-on to their site at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/> and scroll down to "online sales."

Dover — Delaware Department of Health and Social Service (DHSS) announced Gov. Jack Markell has allocated \$13 million in his budget to make Delaware more walkable and bikeable. It's all part of a long-term commitment to a more active state.



Georgetown - Sussex County reminds dog owners that March 1 was the deadline to obtain licenses for dogs 6 months and older. For spayed and neutered dogs, the annual cost is \$10; for non-spayed and unneutered dogs, the cost is \$15 yearly. Licenses must be obtained by March 1 each year. Call 855-7380 for more info or visit www.sussexcountyde.gov/doglicenses

Reminder: A household yard waste ban in effect! Please contact your rubbish carrier / garbage company for additional information.



- ☐ www.ready.gov/kids
- ☐ www.kids.discovery.com
- ☐ www.crayola.com
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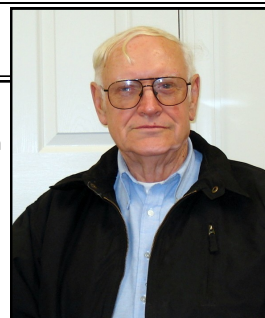
Millville Passings...

Council Member Richard L. Thomas Age 81, of Millville, DE, formerly of Ellicott City, MD, passed away Friday, April 13, 2012 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD.

Richard was born in Takoma Park, MD son of the late, Royle and Florence (Koch) Thomas. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Julia Augusta (Lanier) Thomas; two sons, Richard C. Thomas and his wife Lisa, William J. Thomas and his wife Diane; daughter, Louise A. Keller and her husband Richard; five grandchildren and one great grandson; and his faithful dog Tinker Belle.

A funeral service was held at noon, Friday, April 20th, at Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church, 81 Central Ave, Ocean View, where friends and family called after 10:00 a.m. Interment was in the adjoining church cemetery.

The family suggested memorial donations in Richard's memory to, Mariner's Bethel U.M. Church, 81 Central Ave, Ocean View, DE. 19970 or Millville Volunteer Fire Co, P.O. Box 64, Millville, DE. 19970.



Millville Volunteer Group... by Council Member Bob Gordon

The Millville Volunteer Group was formed in January 2009. The group currently has 28 members. They come from all walks of life, some are retired and some are not, yet they all share an interest in helping others in Millville and surrounding areas. They are all members of the Retired Sussex Volunteer Program (RSVP) organization and have already received numerous awards for their service.

All volunteers pass background checks and all required training. The volunteers are all trained in first aid and as first responders in the event of a disaster. They donate a minimum of 48 hours a year providing a wide range of services to the Town and the community. Volunteer's can be seen about town in their green shirts and hats directing traffic and offering parking assistance at events like the Millville Pumpkin Festival or the Ocean View Homecoming; providing clerical services at Town Hall; and patrolling our community in the neighborhood watch vehicle. In June, the volunteers will help out with the newly formed Millville Farmers Market.

Our Volunteers also work with the Delaware State Police at Camp Barnes. At Camp Barnes volunteers have repaired window screening and painted the housing units to get the camp ready for the upcoming summer season. During Special Olympics they assist camp counselors by allowing camp counselors a chance to get much needed sleep after a long day by patrolling the park from dusk to dawn.

If you are interested in becoming a Millville Volunteer stop by Town Hall and see Donna or Debbie for an application, or talk to a volunteer assisting at the front desk.

In the Photo:

Millville Volunteer Group Appreciation and Award Dinner held at Bear Trap Dunes. Holding their awards, left to right: Bill Wichmann, Vince Bertone, John Fegelein, Doc Flick, Brenda Fegelein, Maggie King, Pat Moulder, Trudi Lombardi, and Richard Shoobridge.



Important Dates to Remember!

05/01 Tax bills mailed
 05/02 Business & Rental License Renewals mailed.
 06/01 Gross Rental Tax payments due.
 06/01 Business License & Rental License Renewals due.
 07/04 July 4th Holiday — Closed
 07/31 Tax Bills Due
 09/03 Labor Day Holiday — Closed
 10/06 4th Annual Pumpkin Festival
 10/08 Columbus Day — Closed
 11/12 Veteran's Day — Closed
 11/22 Thanksgiving Holiday — Closed
 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday — Closed

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Reminder... Every Thursday is Farmer's Market day in Millville...



Great Pumpkin Festival

Pumpkin Festival October 6, 2012

Any one wishing to join the committee and help with the 4th Annual Pumpkin Festival please contact Deputy Mayor Jon Subity @ Town Hall... call 302-539-0449 for information.

LAUGH FILES

How do we know the Indians were the first people in North America?

They had reservations!!

Haha !

Delawareans who have made a difference!



Dr. Henry J. Heimlich inventor of the Heimlich Maneuver, was born February 3, 1920, in Wilmington, Delaware. He received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1941, and his M.D. from Cornell Medical College in 1943. Dr. Heimlich's Institute is located in Cincinnati, Ohio.



What is Call-Em-All?

Call-Em-All is a service the Town of Millville is using that provides on-demand automated voice broadcasting. Many of you have received messages regarding storms, special events, payment reminders, and other timely announcements.

Many industries including churches, sports teams, schools, restaurants, temporary staffing agencies, and more use Call-Em-All to contact their members and employees.

If you are not on our Call-Em-All list, and would like to be, please contact Donna in the office.

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If you rent your property you need a Town Rental License!

If you own a dog they must be licensed with Sussex County!

If you are planning to build or renovate you need a building permit!

If you have an EMERGENCY dial 911!

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CRAB

BIKINI

SUNSHINE

SUMMER

SHOVEL

JUNE

FIREWORKS

UMBRELLA

BUCKET

JULY

CAROUSEL

DOLPHIN

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